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|   |   | Applicatio        | n No.  | Applicant(s)    |  |  |  |  |
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| Office Action Summary   |   | 10/695,88         | 0  | HEIDEL, JEFFREY |  |  |  |  |
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| The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address Period for Reply  |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).  - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Status  |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>28 October 2003</u> .   |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| 2a) <u></u> ☐   | This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.  |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| 3)  | Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
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| Disposition of Claims   |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| -   | Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.  |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.  5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.   |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.  |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | Claim(s) $\underline{1=24}$ are subject to restriction and  | d/or election red | uirement.  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Applicati   | on Papers   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| /—  | The specification is objected to by the Exar  |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| 10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.   |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).   |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.  |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119  |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some * c) None of:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</li> </ul>   |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Attachment(s)   |   |                   |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | e of References Cited (PTO-892)   | <b>.</b>          | 4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail Da                     |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)     Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)     Paper No(s)/Mail Date  |   |                   | 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6) Other: |                 |  |  |  |  |

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 31-35, drawn to a method of populating a PcB, classified in class 29, subclass 832.
- II. Claims 14-30, drawn to an apparatus for populating a PcB, classified in class 29, subclass 740.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the process can be performed by hand.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. J. Arbes whose telephone number is 571-272-4563. The examiner can normally be reached on M,T,R,F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, P. Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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